IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nabil A. Abu El Ata

Application No.:   09/942,096   Group: 2123

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For: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DESIGNING
                   MODEL BASED ARCHITECTURES OF INFORMATION
                   SYSTEMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4 through 9 with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/228,702, filed
on August 29, 2000 and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/606,869, filed June
29, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,313, filed on July
2, 1999. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/127,191, filed